

# U.S. Voter's 'Order of the Boot' Can Mean 'Booty' to the Rejected

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For 10 years Homer E. Capehart drew a pay check as a United States Senator and then overnight last Nov. 6 the voters of Indiana retired him to private life.

"I'll never run for public office again," he said, and made plans to devote his time to his farm and a manufacturing business in Indiana.

In New York, Robert M. Morgenthau quit his appointed job as U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and ran for Governor against Republican incumbent Nelson A. Rockefeller. He lost, was unemployed for a brief spell, and then President Kennedy put him back in his old post.

Out in the Midwest, in Iowa, Norman A. ... he sought reelection as Governor without making plans for any future outside the State House. The voters decreed otherwise, and he later told a news conference, "I really didn't expect to get defeated." He has not as yet announced what he will do.

## Stories Repeated

Across the country the same stories were repeated with variations on a theme, as candidates defeated in the Nov. 6 elections picked up the pieces and turned towards or back to other careers.

For some, such as Morgenthau or James Donovan, the Bay of Pigs prisoners negotiating the excursion into the spotlight was brief. Political neophytes, they ran for the first time for public office and lost and might never do again.

But for others the whim of the electorate was a shattering experience. After years in

political jobs they now find themselves forced to look elsewhere.

Many, like Richard M. Nixon, have no problems because they are lawyers.

After Nixon was defeated for the Presidency in 1960, he was hired as a consultant to the Los Angeles law firm of Adams, Duque and Hazeltine. He maintains a rather luxurious and spacious office in the firm's suite.

Nixon frequently has said he made more money after leaving public office than he ever did before. It is conceded in California that had he had won the \$40,000-a-year job as California Governor, it would have meant a cut in salary.

For others, there are countless possibilities of future employment.

In 1945, when the British voted the Labor Party into power and turned down Winston Churchill's bid to lead his country in peace as he had done in war, King George VI offered to make him a Knight of the Order of the Garter. Sir Winston rejected this on the ground that he could not accept such an honor when the voters had just presented him with the Order of the Boot.

No such exalted order exists for American politicians who have been beaten by the vote count. But there are other, more tangible rewards for service to the party and the country. A Federal job is always a possibility for a loser.

In Chicago, for example, political observers believe there is a good chance that Sidney Yates, who unsuccessfully tried to unseat Senate GOP leader Everett M. Dirksen, will be offered a job as a Federal judge.

Something similar could be in store for Rep. Floyd Breeding, the lone Kansas Democrat, who lost his re-election bid. He told a reporter after the election that "I have no present plans to return to politics nor have I any plans for an appointive job, but I wouldn't discount the possibility of an appointment. After all, I'm going to Washington specifically to see the President—and to clear out my office."

Michael V. DiSalle, beaten in Ohio's Governorship race, is another possibility. His wife was reported to have said he would like to come to Washington.

John B. Swainson, the Democratic Governor of Michigan, was unseated by auto-maker George Romney. Most speculation in Detroit is that Swainson will return to his law practice unless he gets a Federal appointment.

One defeated Congressman already has been given a Government post. Mississippian Erank Smith has been named to the TVA board of directors by President Kennedy and began his new job in mid-November.

## Recount Awaited

In Virginia there is a doctor who may resume his practice if he didn't win the Nov. 6 election. Dr. Louis H. Williams, a Republican, will not know until a Dec. 10 recount whether or not he's in office. If he is not, he will continue his practice as an obstetrician in Richmond.

Another congressional loser in Virginia, Democrat John P. Wheeler, will continue as a political science professor at Hollins College. And Augustus C. Johnson, a Virginia Democrat who also lost, will



## Retires

Raleigh Gilchrist, above, nationally known for his contributions to the analytical chemistry of platinum and gold, retired yesterday from the National Bureau of Standards after 45 years government service. He was chief of the Bureau's inorganic chemistry section from 1948 to 1961. A native of Windsor, Vermont, Dr. Gilchrist joined the Bureau of Standards staff in 1919 after a period of military service.

stay on in his job as a space scientist.

George McGovern is a classic example of a man who went down to defeat, received a Federal job, and then tried again for office. He ran unsuccessfully in South Dakota for Senator in 1960, lost, was named by President Kennedy to be director of the Food for Peace program. He resigned that and tried again for Senator. This time, barring a change in the recount, he made it.